Economic Backwardness of Uttarakhand

2760. SHRI CM. IBRAHIM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any study for the economic backwardness of Uttarakhand area of Uttar Pradesh and the reasons for large scale exodus of man power from this area;

(b) the per capita income of the people of this area as compared to the national average and the comparative figures for different States; and

(c) whether Government have prepared any package for the accelerated development of this area to bring the people there up to national level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) The Government has not conducted any such study specifically for Uttaranchal areas.

(b) The per capita income of Uttaranchal areas has not been computed.

(c) With accelerating the economic development of this area as one of its objectives, the Government has already introduced a Bill in the Parliament for creation of a new State to be called Uttaranchal.

Youths provided loan under PMRY in Maharashtra

2761. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of such unemployed youths in Maharashtra who have been provided with loans under Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana by the banks during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise; and